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### LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

It appears that we have no sooner quieted the Japanese school question in San Francisco than we are confronted by another Japanese problem arising out of the conduct of the hoodlums of that delectable city. If the earthquake had swallowed San Francisco citadel, urbs, suburbs and the Golden Gate there would probably have been an end of this Japanese menace. In the midst of our toasting General Kuroki, a number of "lawless resolute" in San Francisco attack a Japanese cafe and presto, an international situation with the Japanese papers in Tokio hinting war and all this before the Panama Canal is finished and while our defenceless Philippines are three weeks from our base of supplies and only about five days from the Japanese strongholds. The Japanese papers claim that the outrages against their countrymen are less excusable than the murder of a missionary in China which resulted in the occupation of Chinese territory by an American force. These papers say that the recent treaty between the United States and Japan have been treated as matter fit for a waste paper basket and do not accept the theory of State rights or the irresponsibility of the United States for the barbarous conduct of California or rather of a mob in San Francisco. We could doubtless lick the Japanese if that were the only question; but we are it is to be hoped, big enough to loathe a war in defense of unjustifiable attacks upon Japanese sojourners by undesirable citizens of San Francisco. The National conscience will not justify such a war. We have in a score of instances come to the defence of our people when attacked in foreign countries and the cases are numerous in which foreign countries have paid damages for such attacks. We cannot honestly or consistently deny damages to the Japanese granted that we would come off victorious in a war with Japan such war would add at least a billion to our national indebtedness and a pension list that would handicap the Treasury for a hundred years or as long as the youngest widow of the oldest veteran married fifty years after the war should live. We are still paying pensions to widows who as young girls married veterans of the war of 1812. So our prayer should be no less Lord deliver us from war and carnage blood and powder than from war debts and pensions.

When Congress appropriated \$25,000 for the traveling expenses of the President there was long and spirited debate as to whether that amount would cover the expense of his travels or on the other hand if it might not be more than required. With the close of the fiscal year now near at hand it is possible to make a calculation of the probable yearly traveling expense of the President. This has not been one of his busiest years in the traveling line but he has made a number of trips, that is as many as he wanted to make and he has traveled in good style, if not in the splendor of the old days when he was traveling at the expense of the railroads, and when has concluded the trip to Jamestown which he will take next week, the total expenditure for his years traveling will be less than eight thousand dollars. It is true that his trip to Panama which was the most extended and most expensive of the year was made on a War ship and consequently the amount did not come out of his jaunting allowance but it will be seen that the twenty five thousand is likely to prove an adequate amount for the most restless President we may have.

Mr. Bryan made a flying visit to Washington this week. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and the visit was said to be simply a social one and the fact that he stopped with old friends in the Southeastern part of the city bore out the explanation but nevertheless Mr. Bryan put in a busy day with some prominent Democrats who happened to be here. He had a long talk with the Manager of the National Press Bureau and formerly manager of Mr. Bryan's campaign bureau and with ex-Senator James K. Jones former chairman of the democratic national Committee. He also gave out a number of interviews to newspaper men.

The local boom of Senator Knox in his own state is not without interest in Washington where the little Senator has resided for seven years, living in a fine house purchased by him from the widow of George Washington Childs. The house was built by Mrs. Childs for herself shortly after the death of her distinguished husband. It is on K. St. and next door to the house of Senator Hale of Maine. The two are among the finest residences in the city and this is saying a good deal for during the last twelve years many palatial residences have been built in Washington. Senator Knox it will be remembered was called to the attorney Generalship by President McKinley. He is presumed to be a great lawyer but it is doubtful if there is statesmanship in him that will measure up to what the last six years has taught the country to look for and demand. The Nation has had a university course of liberal education since the death of McKinley and will not again be satisfied with common place mediocrity and snug party orthodoxy in the White House, Senator

Knox is fond of fine horses and has the reputation of having the fastest pair in the city. He is mundane and provincial and will probably make as good a President as the last one who came from his state and was succeeded by Abraham Lincoln, to be more explicit, James Buchanan whom he, in many respects, resembles.

It is quite probably that Senator Knox's candidacy will be the rallying point for the standard high-tariff contingent of the republican party. Pennsylvania is the historic center of high-tariff strength. Secretary Taft who, excepting the President is by odds the most popular candidate for the Presidency, is known to have leanings toward a more liberal tariff policy. The very word "liberal" with reference to the tariff is obnoxious to the stand-patters and witness a line of cleavage in the Republican party on this question. If the contest shall appear to be between Taft and Knox rather than Taft and Fairbanks or some other candidate, it is probably that the strength of tariff revisionists in the Democratic party will help the candidacy of Mr. Taft, for his course, since he has been in public life, has been such as to make him acceptable to many outside his party.

### Flag Day Program.

Capt. John Matthews Post, No. 69, G. A. R. Arranges For Exercises Thursday Evening.

The entertainment committee of John Matthews Post, No. 69, G. A. R., have prepared the following for their flag day entertainment, to be held at their hall, on corner of Walnut and South streets, on Saturday evening, June 15th.

Opening exercises by post commander.

Prayer by the chaplain, after which the chairman of the committee will carry out the program.

Piano duet—By Miss Grace Carson and Beula George.

Speech—"The Flag of Our Union," by T. J. Gideon.

Song—"Columbia." All sing.

Speech—"Our National Songs." S. W. Reed.

Song—"America." All sing.

Declamation—Miss Esther Berkley.

Music—"The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Speech—"The Declaration of Independence." By A. B. Lovan.

Music—"Star Spangled Banner."

Essay—"Why We Celebrate Flag Day." By Miss Mary Campbell.

Clipped from "The Springfield Republican."

### PLEASANT RIDGE ITEMS.

By The Chums

Hello Editor:

Here we come as we haven't seen any items from this part for a while.

Warm weather at present.

Sunday School at No. 1. was

well attended Sunday.

Gettie Denton, Dollar Denton, Lillie Simmons and Beasie Simmons was boat riding last Friday.

Elsie Denton has got a new clock.

Will Maxville and Essie Huggins, Pete Maxville and Nettie Huggins attended Sunday School

and singing Sunday.

Mr. Jack Murra robbed the bees.

The Singing at Mr. Dave Simmons was well attended Sunday night.

Well as it is almost singing time I will close.

And if we see this in print we will come again bye bye.

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